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SUBJECT: SECURITY PROTECTION AFFORDED PUBLIC ACCESS AREAS AT
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SUMMARY. THE EMBASSY, WITH EXCELLENT SUPPORT FROM THE REGIONAL SECURITY OFFICER AND REGIONAL SECURITY TECHNICIANS, HAS IMPROVED TO SOME DEGREE POST SECURITY DURING THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS. HOWEVER SEVERAL MAJOR SECURITY DEFICIENCIES ARE YET TO BE RECTIFIED. END SUMMARY.

1. OUR MOST VULNERABLE AREAS, IN COMMON WITH MOST OTHER POSTS, ARE THE CONSULAR SECTION AND USIS BUILDING.

A. THE CONSULAR SECTION IS HOUSED IN THE CHANCERY DIRECTLY BELOW AMBASSADOR'S AND DCM'S SECOND FLOOR OFFICES. THERE ARE PRESENTLY NO DETERRENTS TO HOSTILE ELEMENTS GAINING ENTRY TO THE CONSULAR SECTION OTHER THAN THE MSG ON DUTY IN THE MAIN RECEPTION AREA WHICH IS ADJACENT TO THE CONSULAR SECTION. IN THIS REGARD THE EMBASSY PROPOSES THE INSTALLATION OF A WALK-THROUGH METAL DETECTOR AT CHANCERY ENTRANCE (S(SIMILAR TO THE TYPE USED AT AIRPORTS) PLUS THE STATIONING OF A GUARD (PREFERABLY MSG) TO CHECK HAND BAGGAGE AND/OR POSITIVE READINGS OF THE METAL DETECTOR. IN ADDITION, A GRILLED DOOR WOULD BE INSTALLED TO THE CONSULAR WAITING AREA WHICH WOULD BE OPENED BY A BUZZER ACTIVATED BY THE MSG ON DUTY IN THE MAIN RECEPTION

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AREA UPON APPROVAL OF THE GUARD STATIONED AT THE METAL

DETECTOR. BY THIS PROCEDURE THE PRESENT UNIMPEDED ACCESS TO THE CONSULAR SECTION WOULD CEASE AND SECURITY WOULD BE MEASURABLY ENHANCED. HOWEVER EMBASSY CONSIDERS MOVING CONSULAR SECTION TO A NEW WING WITH SEPARATE ENTRANCE AS ONLY ACCEPTABLE LONG TERM SOLUTION. PROPOSED DESIGN OF NEW WING WOULD EMPHASIZE SECURITY OF ACCESS TO THE REST OF CHANCERY WHILE INCREASING SECURITY OF CONSULAR SECTION ITSELF. EMBASSY HAS INITIATED DISCUSSIONS WITH FBO AND HOPES IMPORTANCE OF IMPROVING SECURITY AS WELL AS OPERATIONAL NECESSITIES WILL RESULT IN EARLY APPROVAL AND BUDGETING OF FUNDS.

(B. THE EMBASSY HAS JUST RECEIVED AUTHORITY TO INSTALL MYLAR AND AN EMERGENCY ALARM SYSTEM AT THE USIS BUILDING AND MYLAR AT THE BNC'S IN TEGUCIGALPA AND SAN PEDRO SULA. THESE ITEMS ARE USEFUL BUT OBVIOUSLY THEY DO NOT DECREASE THESE ESTABLISHMENTS VULNERABILITY TO TERRORIST ATTACK. THE PAO CONSIDERS 24 HOUR GUARD SERVICE (LOCAL) TO AFFORD THE MOST PRACTICABLE PROTECTION TO HIS OFFICES. THE EMBASSY AND RSO CONCUR IN THIS RECOMMENDATION.

2. OTHER DEFICIENCIES TO BE CORRECTED:

A. AS PART OF HIS SECURITY SURVEY CURRENTLY IN PROGRESS, THE RSO IS RECOMMENDING THE FOLLOWING:

(1) RELOCATING AND EXTENDING THE PRESENT RECEPTION COUNTER AND INSTALLATION OF LEXAN AND ARMORPLATE TO AFFORD PROTECTION TO PERSONNEL ON DUTY IN THIS AREA.

(2) RAISE PARKING LOT WALL BY 4 FT 8 INCHES TO AFFORD BETTER PROTECTION TO THIS AREA.

(3) INSTALL A BASE STATION RADIO IN THE MARINE HOUSE AND PUT A SPEAKER IN EACH MARINE'S ROOM.

(4) INSTALL A DOOR IN PLACE OF THE LOUVERED WINDOWS IN THE NIV AREA AND HINGE THE GRILL WORK WHICH COVERS THE PRESENT LOUVERED WINDOWS TO PROVIDE ON EMERGENCY EXIT FOR THE CONSULAR SECTION.

B. EMBASSY REFTEL OUTLINED ANTI-TERRORIST REQUIREMENTS FOR FY 1976 AS FOLLOWS:

(1) HIRING OF BODY GUARDS TO REPLACE THOSE FORMERLY PROVIDED BY GOH.

(2) INSTALLATION OF BREAKER SWITCH ON GENERATOR PREVIOUSLY PROCURED FOR ANTI-TERRORISM GROUND LIGHTING AT ER. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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(3) SECURITY FENCING FOR DCMR, WMSCH IS NOW UNPROTECTED.

(4) TWELVE TWIN BEAM FLOOD LIGHTS FOR REAR OF CHANCERY WHICH NOW IS UNLIT AND VULNERABLE.

(5) REPLACEMENT OF WORN-OUT PRIMARY SECURITY GATE TO CHANCERY COMPOUND. DOOR FREQUENTLY JAMS IN OPEN POSITION, PRESENTING GRAVE SECURITY HAZARD.

(6) RELOCATING TO CONTROLLED AREA TRANSFORMERS FEEDING THE PUBLIC POWER SUPPLY TO THE CHANCERY. THESE TRANSFORMERS HAVE

BEEN THE TARGET OF BOMB ATTACK IN THE PAST.

(7) REPLACEMENT OF OUR PRESENT INADEQUATE EMERGENCY GENERATOR. THIS GENERATOR PROVIDES POWER TO ONLY THREE OFFICES AND IN TIME OF EMERGENCY COULD NOT POWER THE POST'S DESTRUCTION FACILITIES OR EMERGENCY ALARM AND EMERGENCY RADIO SYSTEMS.

ALL OF THE FOREGOING SERIOUS DEFICIENCIES COULD EXPEDITIOUSLY BE RECTIFIED IF FUNDS WERE MADE AVAILABLE. COST ESTIMATES HAVE BEEN PROVIDED THE DEPARTMENT.

3. IMPROVEMENTS WHICH HAVE BEEN ACCOMPLISHED:

A. UNTIL AUGUST 1, 1975 THE GOH PROVIDED BODYGUARDS FOR THE AMBASSADOR. BODY GUARDS WERE CHANGED BY THE GOH CONSTANTLY, AND ASSIGNMENTS TO THIS DETAIL WERE MADE ON ANY CRITERIA EXCEPT PROFICIENCY IN ASSIGNED DUTIES. SALARIES WERE INCREDIBLY LOW. TO BE CHARITABLE, MOST OF THE GUARDS WERE INEPT AND SOME WERE FOUND TO BE LESS THAN TOTALLY HONEST.

ON AUGUST 1 THE EMBASSY EMPLOYED TWO LOCAL, HANDPICKED "SPECIAL SECURITY AGENTS." THEY ARE CURRENTLY UNDERGOING INTENSIVE WEAPONS AND PHYSICAL TRAINING AS PART OF A BROAD TRAINING PROGRAM INSTITUTED BY THE EMBASSY. THIS IMPORTANT FUNCTION, THEN, IS FOR THE FIRST TIME BEING ACCOMPLISHED IN AN ACCEPTABLE MANNER.

B. A CCTV HAS BEEN INSTALLED WHICH PERMITS THE MONITORING OF VISITORS ENTERING THE CHANCERY FROM THE PARKING LOT AREA.

C. A MSG DESK HAS BEEN INSTALLED WHICH PERMITS MORE THOROUGH SURVEILLANCE OF VISITORS AND CONSOLIDATION OF EQUIPMENT UTILIZED BY THE MSG.

4. THE EMBASSY IS ANXIOUS TO IMPLEMENT ALL THE SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS NOTED ABOVE. IF FUNDS ARE MADE AVAILABLE, WORK CAN COMMENCE IMMEDIATELY. THE DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSE IS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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